



Blanksma Farm

Potatoes are planted at the Blanksma Farm near Hammett, Idaho in 2020.

Idaho potato planting progresses through wet, cold conditions

By BRAD CARLSON
Capital Press

Recent precipitation and recurring cold weather slowed Idaho potato planting in spots, but growers gladly accepted those challenges in exchange for needed mountain snowpack and soil moisture.

Idaho potato planting typically starts in the southwest and progresses into higher-altitude, cooler regions to the east and north.

Total acreage may be below last year's approximately 314,000 acres as farmers consider water availability and other issues.

"From Boise to Blackfoot they have begun planting, and in the Idaho Falls area, they should start planting this week," Travis Blacker, Idaho Potato Commission industry relations director, said April 19.

"There were some weather disruptions last week with the storms, but nobody's complaining," he said. "We need the mois-

ture for sure."

"Depending on what area you're in, there could be some water issues," Blacker said.

How many potato acres a farmer plants will reflect factors such as water availability, crop rotations, prices of other crops and input costs.

In eastern Idaho, Bryan Searle of Shelley started planting potatoes April 19. He aimed to finish around May 1. He said his potato acreage will be down about 25%.

"We've elected not to plant a few acres because the canal system they're on doesn't have much (water) storage and it appears by Aug. 1 they will be out of water, on the optimistic side," Searle said.

Cutting back on fertilizer and other high-cost inputs is an option, "but if you short the crop, you're going to be short on your overall production," he said. "And if you don't have water at the end, you're shorted, too. The finish part will be interesting."

In the southwest, Wilder potato farmer Doug Gross said April 19 that potato planting concluded 10 days earlier.

"We had decent enough weather," he said. "Then it cooled off, so the potatoes haven't done much. Seed is sprouting but it is a cold, wet spring."

Gross said planted acreage is down slightly. The farm shifted some growing locations and planted more short-season varieties in light of a reduced irrigation water supply.

"We just have to wait and see what the weather conditions are," he said. "We don't see huge changes other than it's going to be a very critical year with our water management."

Gross said April 19 that the farm's seed business was still processing potato seed for growers who had not finished planting. Seed supply is below normal after the challenging 2021 growing season "and we are struggling at the end here finding enough seed for growers' needs."

Dairy groups take complaints to Canadian government

By CAROL RYAN DUMAS
Capital Press

The U.S. Dairy Export Council and National Milk Producers Federation told the Canadian government its proposals to change how it determines the allocation of dairy tariff rate quotas still fail to fulfill its obligations under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

In a letter to the Canadian government's Supply-Managed Trade Controls Division, the groups said the changes continue to fall "woefully short of full compliance" with Canada's obligations.

This has consequences not only for the agreed-upon USMCA benefits denied U.S. and Canadian stakeholders but also for the credibility of USMCA enforcement procedures and for the success of the agreement, the groups said.

A TRQ applies a preferential rate to a predetermined quantity of imports. Any imports above that quantity are subject to significantly higher tariffs.

U.S. dairy has argued that Canada reserves the bulk of TRQ access for Canadian dairy processors, who have little incentive to import competing U.S. product. Canada's allocation scheme leaves only a small amount of TRQ access for distributors and gives no TRQ access for retailers — two segments with the strongest incentive to purchase U.S. dairy product.

The groups urged Canada to modify its dairy TRQ allocation and administration policies.



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Jersey cows feed at a dairy near Gooding, Idaho. Two U.S. dairy organizations say the Canadian government isn't living up to the requirements of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

They pointed out that under USMCA, Canada is not permitted to exclude parties active in the Canadian food and agriculture sector from access to the TRQs.

"Canada's proposal directly excludes retailers and foodservice operators from access to individual product quotas by limiting that access to processors and distributors. Canada is likewise excluding further processors from access to various TRQs," they said.

"There is no basis for excluding applicants from these groups, and Canada should discontinue doing so," the groups said.

They also told the Canadian government its proposed allocation methodology will continue to allocate quota overwhelmingly to processors, notwithstanding Canada's commitments not to do so.

The proposal risks incentivizing further monopolistic behavior by a small number of processors, leading to a

greater concentration of quota held by them and significant uncertainty for U.S. exporters, the groups said.

"These problems will be compounded by the lack of transparency (and concurrent potential for manipulation) in Canada's system both regarding market sales data and quota allocation by quota holder," they said.

The deficiencies in the allocation system will be even further heightened by Canada's exclusion of distributor-to-distributor sales and sales to consumers, further tipping the calculation in favor of the market-dominant processors in Canada, the groups said.

Canada should modify its allocation system to provide fair opportunities to all applicants active in the Canadian market and to new applicants, as required under USMCA, they said.

The groups also urged Canada to adopt more stringent terms for allocation returns and penalties.

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MICHAEL & DIANE MARUSA
FIRST TECH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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2022-2023 Budget Hearing
The Oregon Potato Commission will hold a public budget hearing at 8:15 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2022 to approve the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal budget. Any person wishing to comment on the budget is welcome to do so either orally or in writing by noon, May 20, 2022 by emailing gary@oregonspuds.com. A copy of the proposed budget is posted on www.oregonspuds.com for public inspection and can be obtained by emailing gary@oregonspuds.com or leaving a message at 503-239-4763.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission - Proposed Budget
As required by ORS 576.416, the Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission (ORBC) will hold a public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the Commission's proposed budget for the next fiscal year.
DATE: May 18, 2022
PLACE: ZOOM Meeting – 9:00 AM
Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92261456894?pwd=dE1uMlNFa2x2BzBmRmVhcnRvRkZlcUJlUT09
Meeting ID: 922 6145 6894
Passcode: 6598895
Dial by your location +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Copies of the proposed budget are available from the commission office by request, and on-line at: oregon-berries.com/commission-meetings. Any questions may be referred to the Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission office at 503-208-5589

Farmworkers win \$46,000 judgment in hemp wage dispute

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Press

Two Oregon farmworkers have won a default judgment of \$46,000 against a defunct hemp company and

its owner in a lawsuit over unpaid wages.

The farmworkers — Amulfo Hernandez Gaspar and Jaime Bucho Sanchez — filed a complaint last year against BT Ventures and its owner, Thomas Dubiel, as well as a labor contractor.

The plaintiffs claim they were recruited to work at a hemp processing warehouse in Josephine County, Ore., where they cut, hung and packed the crop in 2019.

The complaint said they promised \$19 an hour in wages and paid for the first two weeks of work, but didn't receive payment for the final 120 hours.

BT Ventures has filed an administrative dissolution with Oregon's Secretary of State's Office, and Thomas Dubiel could not be reached for comment.

Neither the company nor Dubiel responded to the allegations, which were filed in federal court, and a magistrate judge recommended entering a default judgment against the defendants.

The magistrate judge said the plaintiffs stated sufficient claims under the Agricultural Worker Protection Act and that the circumstances weighed in their favor.

The complaint was formally served on the defen-

dants and there's "no evidence" that their failure to respond was due to "excusable neglect," said U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Clarke in Medford, Ore.

"Without an appearance by the defendants and their side of the facts or any other countervailing evidence, the factors weigh in plaintiffs' favor, and the court cannot find a reason to deny the motion for default judgment," Clarke said.

U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken has now affirmed that recommendation and awarded the plaintiffs more than \$36,000 in unpaid wages, damages and penalties, as

well as about \$10,000 in attorney fees and court costs.

The judgment does not affect Pierce Farm Labor of Rogue River, Ore., which filed an answer challenging the complaint's allegations but has also filed an administrative dissolution.

The hemp industry boomed in 2019, when it reached a national peak of more than 500,000 acres, but it has since contended with a surplus of the crop.

Hemp prices dropped due to the excess inventory, resulting in legal disputes over payment and national acreage falling by more than half since then.

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2004 SUBA IMP 4D
VIN = JF1GD296746506692
Amount due on lien \$1775.00
Reputed owner(s)
JOSHUA BRADLEY BULL
CLACKAMAS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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2018 NISSAN SEN 4DR
VIN = 3N1AB7AP0JL655821
Amount due on lien \$1915.00
Reputed owner(s) GEORGINA CAMPOS & SERGIO SORIANO
REGIONAL ACCEPTANCE CORP

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2017 TOYT TAC 4D
VIN = 4T1BF1FK2HU710815
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Reputed owner(s)
JORDAN P DUILIO

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2020 RYRV HID CT
VIN = 4YDT2L27LN245298
Amount due on lien \$1915.00
Reputed owner(s)
TOMMY JOE ALLAN ROSS
MID OREGON FED C.U

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Oregon Beef Council will hold a public hearing to approve the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal budget. The hearing starts at 10:00 a.m. May 17, 2022 and will be held via Zoom Video Conferencing. Any person wishing to comment on the budget is welcome to do so either orally or in writing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at www.orbeef.org.

Contact randi@orbeef.org by 5:00pm May 15, 2022 to request a link for the video meeting and/or to submit a written comment. Please include your name and farm/industry in your emailed requests.

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2015 FORRI 32' RT
VIN = 4X4TSMH28FT109330
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2018 HYUN TUCSON UT
VIN = KM8J3CA45JU643223
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VIN = KNDJP3A54H7502220
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FRRV FRRV RT
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2014 HYUNDAI 53' TTRLR
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VIN = 3MYDLBYVXJY328300
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LEXUS FINANCIAL SERVICES

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VIN = 1FM5K8GT8KGB54377
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VIN = JTDKDB33D1047920
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